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My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother.

- Solomon

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Hammond Film Club Takes Honors at HOCO Film Festival



Director's Choice Award Winners, left to right, Ian Lyness, Anthony Dimeo, Jesse Mayer, Noah O'Ryan, and John Lamberton, holding fellow member, Justin Davis.

Ian Lyness, Anthony Dimeo, Jesse Mayer, Justin Davis, Noah O'Ryan, and John Lamberton are the creative minds behind a short film presented at the Howard County Film Festival. The Hammond High School students are members of the Film Club mentored by Hammond teacher Danielle DuPuis. Their film took third place this year, receiving the Director's Choice Award. The Hammond squad competed against about 40 other student-produced films.

In a recent interview with

the students this reporter had pre-arranged to greet the reporter with fantastic titles. They jumped from their chairs and greeted the reporter with firm handshakes, introducing themselves with wacky, but funny titles. The entire interview carried this lighthearted tone.

Jesse, a senior from Heritage Woods, is the Supreme Overlord of the Film Club. Well, this is the mock title he had assigned himself. About four of the club mem-

Anthony, a resident of Huntington, described the film as a zombie film. Jesse jumped in to explain that the film portrayed high school students metaphorically as
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The Publisher's Notes

Welcome to the tenth issue of the Guilford Gazette. Building up a print publication from the ground up, in a dying market, is no simple task. The reality is that communities need news about themselves. We believe whole-heartedly that our format will work not only for ten issues, but for 110 issues and beyond.

We do not plan to disappear from the scene any time in the near future. First of all, no venture could ever be more fun and rewarding than this. On a weekly basis we discover what is great about our community and our schools. Even greater, we get to share what we learn with 2,500 plus readers every week.

We meet fun students, smart students, and students that are both fun and smart. In the community, we have found the activists and their love of community.

We pledge to serve you with the highest quality journalism found anywhere, but also to give you the respect and service that you deserve.

We have received positive comments from our newest readers – those who just discovered Guilford Gazette. We implore you to share your copy, subscribe to the email version of the paper, and visit our website frequently. We are sure that you will like what you find. We also have an affordable classified section. What better place to advertise your yard sale? Local folks frequent yard sales, so why not speak directly to them? Our survey shows that 75% of those who receive the Guilford Gazette also read the Guilford Gazette.

Today's Publisher's Notes is dedicated to our readers who have demonstrated a tremendous dedication to us.

Ricardo L. Whitaker

Around the County

HCPSS Attendance Area Committee Seeks Participants by May 2nd deadline to join the redistricting committee to help shape potential elementary redistricting plans for the 2013-2014 school year. Members are chosen by the superintendent. To apply, submit letter and resume to HCPSS Office of School Planning, 10910 Clarkesville Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042. For more information: call 410-313-1554 or email jennifer_bubenko@hcpss.org.

School Board—Coffee and Conversation on May 5th, 9:30—11am, Day Oaks Elementary, 4691 Ten Oaks Road, Dayton, Maryland.

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zombies. The scenes are set in first person. The camera was fit to the actor, so the audience sees the world from his perspective.

Anthony explained that the film zoomed in on the "cliques which everyone can identify with." Jesse pointed out that it "would be wrong to make fun of one group, so we made fun of everybody." He said, "I think that everyone feels left out a little in high school." Jesse, the creative mind for this project, used students' isolation as a point of view in the film.

When asked what were some of the lessons learned

by making this film, Jesse responded, "We had all these ideas originally. We were having fun goofing off and then time passed and we hadn't filmed yet. Budgeting time." Ian, of Dickinson said that the tough thing was "getting extras and getting them to show up." Anthony added that managing "manpower takes a lot of effort and coordinating". John of Bolling Brook Farms in Savage noted that "people are extremely unreliable."

On the positive side of membership in the Film Club, Anthony described his experience by saying, "It's fun being [together]. All of us have something different

to offer." Jesse said, "We all have the same sense of humor and we all contribute."

Jesse described film making as the American art form. He wants to be a director when he finishes college. John said that filmmaking is something that works well in a college portfolio. Ian said that he relates to the arts. Justin, a resident of Huntington in Kings Contrivance wants to major in media. Noah, from Glenshire Towne in Guilford wants to do something in media after graduating.

Ms. DuPuis is in her second year at Hammond. She worked previously at Forest Ridge Elementary. She is the media specialist and

teaches a television class. She initiated the Film Club this year after getting the idea while attending a Gifted and Talented Learning Conference last year.

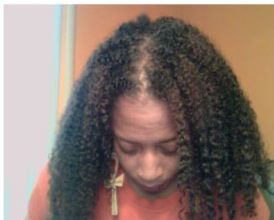
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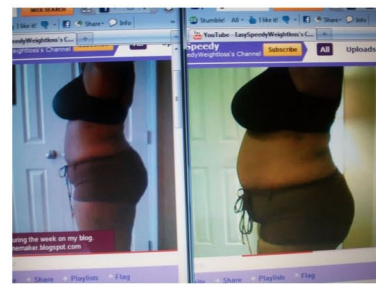
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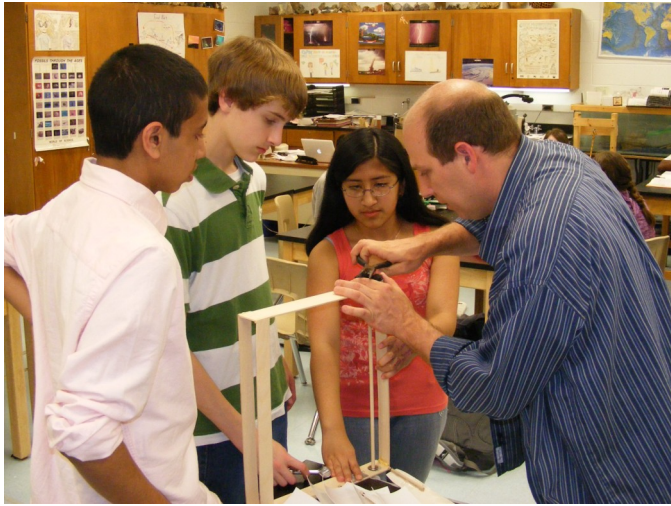


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Lake Elkhorn Winning MESA Team at it Again



Winning LEMS MESA Squad working with mentor, Shawn Gatz at after school activity. From left to right: Deep Biswas, Alec Boyd, Lucero Espinal, and Shawn Gatz.

After taking second place and Science Achievement at the Math, Engineering, Nationals last year in Seat-

tle, Washington, the Lake Elkhorn Middle School MESA team is poised for another great year. The team recently took first place in the 2012 Regional Wind Energy Challenge, beating out teams from Carroll, and Montgomery counties.

The MESA team is comprised of a large number of LEMS students, but it was the Wind Energy Squad that won first place for its ability to successfully harness the wind to accomplish work. Deep Biswas, Oakland Mills 8th grader, Alec Boyd, Owen Brown

8th grader, and Lucero Espinal, Owen Brown 8th grader brought home the prize. Now they have the challenge before them to prepare for the national event in June. Once again, the team will travel to Seatttle to compete.

According to the team's website the "Maryland MESA regional event highlights the skills, abilities, and interests of students in math, science, engineering, and technology. The students conduct research and prepare to participate in competitions such as effective communication." (Continued on Page 5)



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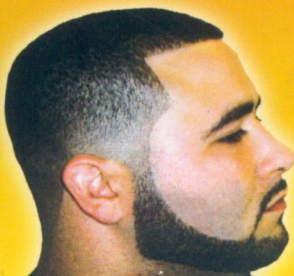
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cations through video and speech, building and testing a basswood bridge, programming an interactive game that teaches cyber security, and multi-task fan-powered wind mill.”

In a recent interview, the squad was found working on a project to design a wind mill capable of lifting increasingly heavier weights with only the power of the wind. The fan

blades that they designed seemed to work well, but they found that the method of fastening the fans to the hub was inadequate. When the fans began to slip off, the squad was undeterred. They consulted with their mentor, science teacher Shawn Gatz, and began again.

Each student had unique reasons for participating in MESA. Lucero said, “I am really good at science and math. In math everything

is pretty simple. You just have to solve problems. In science you see how things move and it’s interesting.”

Alec said that he had a friend who said that MESA was fun, so he tried it. “It’s kind of cool how that the slightest tweak makes a big difference. Like, you can get ten times faster on time. It’s a lot of fun and good a good learning experience. It teaches you a lot of stuff. It’s also enjoyable and a good way to get out

of the house.”

According to Deep, one of the good points about MESA is that it gives you good opportunities. “It gives colleges an opportunity to look at you.” Deep has his hopes on becoming a neurosurgeon, so it’s important to him to get into a good college and then go on to complete medical school.

Mercedes Castro and Mr. Gatz both serve as mentors for the LEMS MESA.

Summer Study Skills Camps!

These will be held the weeks of August 6, 13, and 20. High school classes meet from 11:30-

1:30 Monday through Friday. This is a very powerful way to prepare students as they move into the new academic demands of the

new school year. All classes meet at the University of Phoenix. The sliding scale fee ranges from \$170 to \$234 and includes a

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The qualified candidate must have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. A degree in music is preferred but not required. Previous experience in directing choirs or ensembles is a must. The Director of Music must be able to play piano, read music, play by ear, sing when needed and transcribe vocal parts off of recordings as well as possess a basic knowledge of Word and Excel for administrative aspects of the job. This is an hourly position for now (approx. 20 hours per week) with the possibility for more as experience and circumstances warrant.

Resumes can be mailed to Valley Brook Community Church, Attn: Mary Wierick, 3333 Spencerville Rd, Burtonsville, MD 20866 or emailed to maryvbcc@verizon.net.

Hammond News

Spring Music Concert

The Hammond Concert Band, Orchestra and Wind Ensemble will perform two nights – Monday, April 30th and Tuesday, May 1 at 7 pm both nights at the Hammond Auditorium.

Afterprom Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Afterprom Committee is requesting underclassmen parents consider volunteering to help with the annual event being held at the AMC Theatre at Columbia Mall. Potential volunteers should contact mborowski@hotmail.com or Sally Frekot at bfrekot01@comcast.net. The Afterprom is a post prom event designed to keep celebrating seniors safe on prom night. The night includes free movies, games, and prizes.

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